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—Lancelot Whyte

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Legion Ladies Aid Hospital Carnival

A group of ladies, with Mrs. Laura Stone, President of the American Legion Auxiliary 179 went down to the Veterans Hospital in Leeds, and with three other units assisted with the inside carnival for the evening's entertainment for about 200 boys. The Auxiliary's donated candy bars and cigarettes for prizes. Sugared doughnuts and orangeade were served.

The committee for the coming rummage sale and public supper met at the home of Mrs. Edward Luciw, chairman, Monday evening. It was decided to have a baked ham supper February 1st served from 6 to 7. Tickets will be sold by Legion auxiliary members. Get your tickets early, for further information phone 796.

Anyone wishing to contribute articles for the rummage sale may leave them with Mrs. Robert Huber of Mrs. Raymond Miller.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 20. Please bring coupons and also something for Camiera.

President of Kobe College, Japan, Here

President Hatnaka of the Kobe College, Japan, was the speaker in Russell Sage Chapel Friday morning.

Rev. Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr., chaplain at Northfield School for Girls, will preach at the Sunday morning worship service in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 a. m. and at Mt. Hermon the guest speaker will be the Rev. E. Spencer Parsons, minister to the Baptist Students in Greater Boston, Mass., in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 a. m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 14, Unitarian Men's Meeting and supper, 6:30 p. m.
Basketball game, Town Hall.
January 17, Friendly Class meeting, 7:45 at the home of Mrs. George H. Sheldon.
January 18, Brotherhood meeting and supper, 6:30 p. m. in the vestry.
January 19, VFW and WSO joint meeting, West Northfield School house, 8 p. m.
WCTU meeting at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle, 3 p. m.
January 20, Legion Auxiliary meeting, 8 p. m.
January 25, Legion meeting, Town Hall 8 p. m.
January 26, Central Planning Committee meeting, Town Hall, 8 p. m.
January 27, Open Forum sponsored by the Central Planning Committee, Town Hall, 8 p. m.
January 29, "Varieties" Show sponsored by the P. T. A. Town Hall.

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Card of Thanks

We thank the many friends and neighbors of the town for the enjoyable reception given for us on our 50th wedding anniversary. We truly appreciate the gifts of money, flowers and the work so willingly done. Also the many cards of greeting from those in Northfield and associated insurance people.

We have the happy memory of the wholehearted friendliness of everyone.

MR. and MRS. JOSEPH R. COLTON

A 15 Year Era Ends With AYH Departure

In 1933 Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith took their first youth hostel group to Europe. There in 19 countries the hostels with their fine houseparents, low overnight fees and jolly quarters were so numerous and closely spaced that youth could travel from country to country by foot, bicycle or canoe with little expense. Although the plan was simple it had far reaching cultural and educational values, making travel as it did generally available to youth. It brought young people to an appreciation of nature and to the leisurely enjoyment of enchanting country sides. The young people planned their own trips, financed and cared for themselves and became thereby self disciplined and independent.

This happy adventuring prepared youth for a more closely knit world based on real understanding. It promised increased tolerance and cooperation and might even build eventual peace. This latter point was of chief interest to the Smiths who saw in the international unrest and disturbance a great need for helping people to live at peace with one another.

In their travels the Smiths met the Youth Hostel heads of the various countries and were invited to attend the International Youth Hostel Conference scheduled that fall at Godesberg. There they were officially requested to initiate the movement in the States.

Returning to the states the Smiths lectured and gave considerable publicity to the idea of hosteling. The movement was incorporated in March 1934 and opened the first hostel in Northfield, Massachusetts the latter part of December of that year. A loop of hostels was ready for use in New England the following spring.

The first copy of the Youth Hostel magazine, the KNAPSACK, was edited to familiarize young people with the fine purposes of hosteling and to give them the particular information they needed regarding hostels and hosteling.

A national board was built up with Mary E. Wooly, president of Mt. Holyoke College heading the board.

The American Youth Hostel Association was recognized as a member association of the International group in 1934 at its London meeting.

In June 1935 the Smiths bought a colonial house in Northfield presenting it to the AYH Association as a youth hostel.

In 1936 The Maples Hotel across the street was bought by them and presented to the movement as a national office and training center. Later they personally bought a rustic cottage on the Ridge in Northfield which they presented to AYH for the use of the staff and friends of the movement. All of these buildings have been used in these capacities since then.

As time went on interest in the movement throughout the country resulted in thousands of requests for the Smiths to lecture and present the idea of hosteling to youth groups, service clubs, schools and colleges. As a result the Smiths made what became an annual tour of the states from coast to coast. As interest mounted the country was organized into Y. S. regions. The national staff meanwhile increased to such an extent that a building adjacent to the first youth

Northfield Schools Aid French College

A drive for funds to furnish a room in the partially constructed recitation building at Le College Cevenol in Le Chambon, France, was started January 13 at Mount Hermon School. The drive was opened with a dinner for the campaign leaders at which Miss Jean Elmer and Miss Carolyn French, both students at Smith College, were guest speakers. Mr. Frederick McVeigh, a member of the faculty at Mount Hermon, is in charge of the drive.

Northfield School for Girls will also raise funds toward a classroom in a campaign which also opened Thursday with a chapel talk by Mrs. Carl Sangree, formerly a teacher at Northfield and now connected with Le College Cevenol. The Northfield Cevenol Committee includes Dr. Mira B. Wilson, Rev. Benjamin R. Andrews, Miss Marguerite Liniger, Miss Doris Whyard, and Miss Elizabeth Homet as well as two student representatives, the Misses Barbara Groth and Barbara Jaffee. Interest in the campaign was aroused by the recent visit to the Northfield campus of Claude Bonnet, a graduate of Le College Cevenol and now a resident of Worcester.

hostel was purchased by AYH and used as a staff house.

The international aspect of hosteling has continued of primary importance to the founders. Although American groups in Europe have far outnumbered European groups visiting this country, nevertheless the Smiths' constant aim has been to encourage transoceanic friendship.

Last year 8 European countries were represented at the training course in Northfield through scholarships offered by the AYH. American hostellers traveled in Europe in increasing numbers until the war curtailed all travel. At the close of the war the AYH was one of the first organizations to be permitted to visit Europe. Its work groups then went over for the purpose of help and reconstruction. Over a period of 15 years nearly 200,000 young people have hosted in the states, registering 643,563 overnights in the AYH; 13,744 members of AYH have hosted in foreign countries during this time.

With the headquarters moving to New York City, a new chapter in hosteling is indicated. The present Board of which John D. Rockefeller the 3rd is President, are actively participating in the extension of hosteling. Its future is full of promise and the realization of its potential good seems nearer than ever before.

When youth traveled to Europe last year it was handicapped by a shortage of shipping space. Monroe Smith assisted in this endeavor by being instrumental in creating Youth Argosy which provided inexpensive air passage to Europe for 400 selected young people from several organizations. This year 2,000 have already been screened for passage next summer.

With the New Year, Mr. Smith is devoting full time with the Youth Argosy, believing that here an opportunity presents itself to serve in a new capacity the cause of international youth friendship through travel. The Smiths will continue to live in Northfield.

Coltons Honored At Home by Many Friends

Even the weather turned out fine for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Colton as they welcomed more than 100 friends and neighbors on their 50th wedding day, Jan. 9, at their home on Main street.

With friendly fires burning in the fireplaces, the Coltons were surrounded by throngs of guests and friends of long standing. Several were present who had been at their wedding at the Trinitarian Congregational Church.

A number of guests were present from Springfield, Keene, N. H., and Brattleboro, Vt. Letters, cards and flowers were received from absent friends. Yellow and white chrysanthemums decorated the rooms. Mrs. Colton wore a corsage of white and yellow carnations, a reminder of the bouquet she carried on her wedding day.

Many of the cards and letters received by the Coltons were on display in addition to pictures of their wedding, 25th anniversary and one taken very recently. Neighbors presented a gift of money.

Assisting during the reception were their daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Cook of this town and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carroll of Keene, N. H.

Serving refreshments were members of the Historical Society, including its president Miss Elsie Scott, and the Misses Amy and Maud Hamilton. The Coltons have long been active in the Society, with Mr. Colton being Custodian.

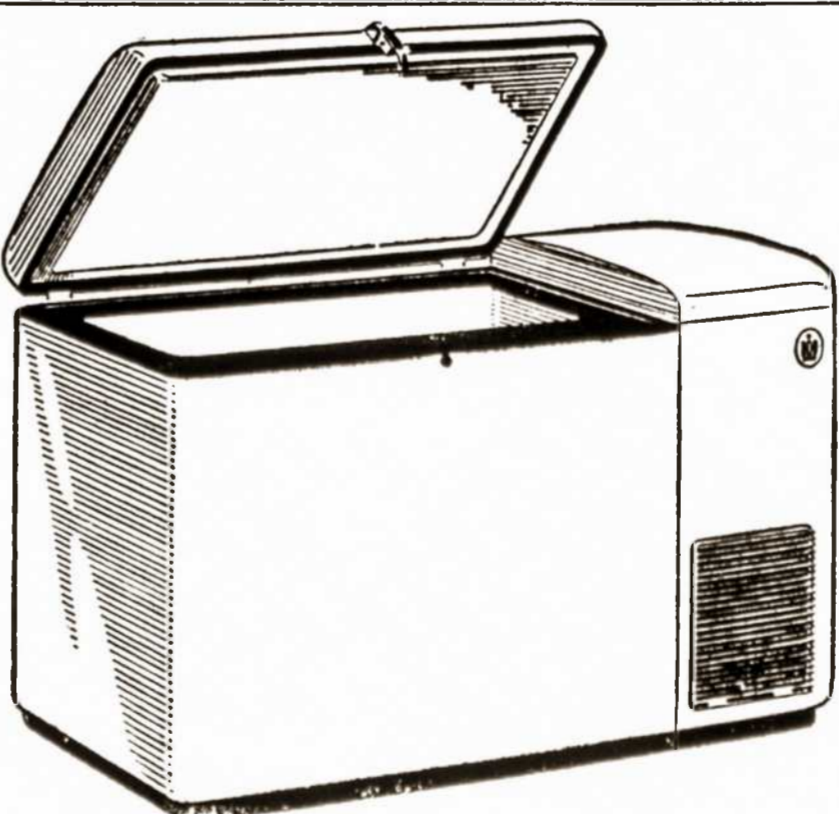
VFW Broadcast 4:45 WHAI, Sat., Jan. 15

The Northfield Post 9874 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars present the 101st in the series of "Speak up for Democracy" broadcasts this Saturday at 4 p. m.

The Radio Chairman of the Northfield Post has stated that all suggestions are welcome, and that if possible will be incorporated in future broadcasts.

Town Nurse Report

The following report has been submitted by the public health nurse, Miss Barbara Mankowsky, for December: Total of 136 visits, of which 83 were chronic; eight, acute; four to children with contagious diseases, seven for infant supervision, 13 school visits, two dental contacts and 14 provided with transportation. During the month 22 pupils returned to school following chicken-pox, measles or mumps. Parents have been urged to report any contagious diseases to the chairman of the board of health, Ernest Parker.



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County Veterans Seek Action of Governor

At the meeting, Sunday, Jan. 9, of the Franklin County V.F. Council it was voted unanimously to register "violent" opposition to the proposal that money be allocated to build a veterans' hospital in Holyoke be used to construct a domiciliary home. Copies of the decision have been sent to Gov. Paul A. Dever, Bishop Thomas M. O'Leary, Sen. Ralph C. Mahar, Rep. Joseph Martin and Joseph Cullen and the press. It follows:

"At the last meeting, January 9, 1949, of the Franklin County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, it was unanimously voted that we send you a personal letter registering violent opposition to the proposal that the money allocated to build a veterans' hospital in Holyoke be used to construct a domiciliary home."

"Recognizing the fact that many problems confront your Excellency, and that distance is apt to minimize the importance of opinion not vociferously voiced by proximity, we respectfully submit the following:

"1. There are nine thousand five hundred veterans of all wars in Franklin County. Between April 1, 1946 and December 31, 1948 there were three hundred twenty-four hospital cases, of which six were for domiciliary care."

"2. In Western Massachusetts it is practically impossible to secure hospitalization for veterans because priority is usually given to any veteran, regardless of necessity if he is from the Eastern part of the state."

"3. To change a hospital to a domiciliary home is comparatively simple. Sale of excess hospital equipment would more than pay for necessary structural changes to make a domiciliary home. To change a domiciliary home to a hospital would require double the initial investment where it started as a domiciliary home. This added money would require additional and lengthy legislation."

"4. The vast majority of veterans today require hospitalization, not domiciliary care. Latest statistics show that in 1945 we were just reaching the peak of hospitalization needs (not domiciliary) by World War I veterans. In the next twenty years we will need hospital beds for veterans far in excess of anything previously encountered. Shall it be said that Massachusetts built domiciliary homes for professional bums when legitimate emergencies by veterans went begging? Let it not be said that this occurred under our new administration."

"We therefore request your Excellency to review the decisions in this case and we strongly urge that recognition be given to the need of the Veteran as a whole

Governor Replies To Vets Protest

Reprinted below is the reply to the above letter from His Excellency, the Governor, Paul A. Dever.

January 11, 1949
Robert W. Gingras, Adjutant, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Franklin County Council, Northfield, Massachusetts.

My Dear Mr. Gingras:
"I have your letter of January 10 indicating 'the violent opposition that the money allocated to building a veterans' hospital in Holyoke be used to construct a domiciliary home.' It is to be regretted that the veterans of Western Massachusetts have been misled in this matter."

"The present trustees (if they have not resigned) have never consulted with the architect selected by a previous administration as to his plans for the proposed home and hospital, and, as far as my information is concerned, none of the present protestants have made inquiry relative to the plans."

"It is not within the executive province to challenge the legislative directive contained in the enabling acts. Those directives provided for the construction of a home and hospital. For three years nothing has been done in a constructive way to achieve this end. It is the policy of this administration to get things done, and that policy will be pursued."

"I might point out that if your organization or any of the present or past trustees had consulted the architect, they would have determined that his plan called for a building which can be used either as a home or a hospital, with adequate clinical or other facilities for full use as a hospital."

I suggest that this letter be read to your organization. I thereafter suggest that your organization endorse action now. It strikes me that after three years the time has for debate has passed. I await further communication from you."

"I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of my letter to those to whom you took the liberty of sending the letter addressed to me."

"Please be assured that as a veteran Governor I am interested and those of the forgotten veterans in Western Massachusetts in particular. With this in mind, we feel sure that Your Excellency will continue to fulfill the pledges of this administration, and give Western Massachusetts the veterans hospital we so vitally need."

Monroe and Isabel Smith Leave AYH

Memo from John D. Rockefeller, 3rd
To: Members of the Staff and Representatives of the Council
Date: January 12th, 1949

It is with real regret that the Directors of AYH have accepted the resignation of Monroe Smith from his position as National Director. He plans to devote his full time to Youth Argosy, Incorporated.

The Youth Hostel movement in America is due largely to the vision of Monroe and Isabel Smith in founding it and to their devotion to its development. Their many hosting friends will miss them and will be glad to know they will be engaged in a closely related work. They carry with them from AYH not only our sincere appreciation for all they have meant to this organization, but also our best wishes for success in their new venture.

The National Headquarters at Northfield, Massachusetts is now in the process of consolidation with the New York Executive office at 6 East 39th street. It is hoped that arrangements will be completed for the continued operation in Northfield of the Richard Schirrmann International Youth Hostel.

Signed, John D. Rockefeller 3rd

In less being said and more being done for the welfare of the veterans in Massachusetts, I shall be pleased to confer with any representative of your organization regarding proposed changes, this, or any other matter of interest to veterans.

Very truly yours,

(s) Paul A. Dever

Town Topics

Mrs. K. W. Hsu, who had Ben Andrews place this summer, is living on Kings road in Hong Kong, China. Her daughter Mai is attending Stoneleigh-Prospect and Jai is at Mt. Hermon.

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Consolidation???

With schools, and school buildings, usually being in the forefront among local problems it was interesting indeed to listen to the P-T. A. discussion this week. The interest shown by the members of the association for the problem certainly warrants added explanations and further study. A great deal of interest, and some favor, was shown for "regional consolidation", which would involve the consolidation of the schools of several towns, not within one town.

The fact that a great deal of interest has been aroused in the neighboring town of Berwick for a "regional consolidation" lends further weight to the importance of the issue.

Exploratory talks should be held on the matter. Public opinion should be gauged. Legislative aid should be sought. Advantages and disadvantages must be weighed. No channels should be left unexplored, for the importance of the issue is immediate.

A CPC Forum

The Central Planning Committee of Northfield will hold a public forum on January 27, 8 p. m. at the town hall.

The CPC, comprising representatives of all organizations in town, will sponsor this forum in order that issues coming before the voters at the annual February town meeting will be clarified, thereby insuring intelligent constructive decisions.

The meeting will be open to the public, without charge, and residents are not only welcome, but they are urged to be present.

Such a complex issue as "regional consolidation" cannot be dismissed or accepted, without a great deal of prior discussion.

In order that there be complete accord on other important problems, such as a town swimming pool, it is quite evident that a forum, if supported, will do much to pave the way for a greater mutual and clear cut understanding.

"Regional consolidation" is in itself of sufficient importance to warrant the attendance of all residents.

"1.89 per week"

In the process of getting even with Uncle Sam, and the Internal Revenue Man, we were of course immersed in figures up to here. In the process of computing one figure struck us, as they usually do, and that was 1.89.

1.89 represents what each subscriber pay for the PRESS each week. It is not one dollar and a fraction, but one cent and a fraction.

Well, what does that mean? Not much. Just a matter of information.

However, at the same time, another thought injected itself at the side of this figure of 1.89.

That thought was, "How many people want the PRESS to remain in existence?" Or perhaps we should say, "Who will read the PRESS?"

We cannot offer prizes for the best answer.

We will print a few - if we get them.

No, the rate hasn't going up. It's still 1.89 cents a week.

"Just A Thought"

Just a thought, what is going to happen to the AYF headquarters building once the AYF completes the move to New York City?

A number of possibilities have

Church CALENDAR

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister.
Sunday, January 16,
9:55 a. m. Church School
10:00 a. m. Young People's Forum and Men's Bible Class
11:00 a. m. Public Worship. Sermon subject, "Seven Prayer Principles." Preschool age children attended by Mrs. Ray Thompson.

6:30 p. m. Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. Sidney Chapin will lead the devotional service. Third in an annual series of meetings on "Personal Criticisms."

The Friendly Class meets on Monday evening at 7:45 at the home of Mrs. George Sheldon, Birnam road. Dr. Dodd of Mount Hermon will speak.

Northfield and Franklin County affairs will be discussed at a round table meeting of the Brotherhood on Tuesday evening. A supper will be served in the vestry at 6:30. The Selectmen of Northfield and Franklin County Commissioner, Mr. Samuel Streeter will attend this meeting.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Elvin W. Blackstone

Services every Sunday, 10:30 a. m.

Sunday School, 11:45 a. m.

Loyal Workers, 6:45 p. m.

Praise Service, 7:30 p. m.

Weekly Prayer Meeting, Thursdays at 7:45 p. m.

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Richard G. Sechrist, Minister.

Sunday, January 16,
10:00 a. m. Church School, Mrs. Carroll Miller, Supt.

11:00 a. m. Service and Sermon.

5 p. m. A. Y. meets in the vestry.

ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Henry J. McCormack, Pastor

Masses: First Sunday of Month, 8:30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Helen Bassett, Minister

Sunday, January 16,
10:30 a. m. Service and Sermon, "Seeking the Worthwhile Things".

11:30 a. m. Sunday School.

7:00 p. m. Prayer and Praise.

Wednesday, January 19,
Mid-week Prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Florence Jones.

Boy Scout News

The meeting of the local Boy Scout Troop Committee was held Sunday evening at the home of the Chairman, Edgar J. Livingston.

The following committee members were present: Harold Briesmaster, Ralph Livermore, Philip Mann, Jr., Louis Abbey, Winthrop Sanderson.

The treasurer, Harold Briesmaster reported the balance of \$188 in the Troop Committee fund. Most of this amount is expected to be used for paying part of the expenses of Scouts going to Camp Chesterfield this summer. No doubt additional amounts will have to be raised to meet the total expenses of the year.

Ralph Livermore reported for the Cabin Committee telling of recent improvements made at the Cabin including the cement block supports added to the foundation, the new window in the northwest side of the kitchen, new shelves in the kitchen, additional supports for bunk springs, and general repairs.

The Chairman told of Troop 9's plans for the coming Council Expedition at Amherst College in March. At the present time it is expected that the local Troop will work on the sliding merit badge. Plans for this project will be reported more in detail as the Troop progresses with its work.

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Mrs. Warren Randall, Assistant Librarian

Open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 1 to 5 except Wednesday and Friday when it closes at 6 p. m.

The library got off to a flying start in 1949. Warm springlike weather has no doubt helped to boost our circulation. We set an all time high on January 4th, with 238 books and magazines going out in the afternoon. The highest previous record was 178.

We were fortunate in having a big shipment of books arrive to greet the New Year. With the rush of the holidays over we hope the list will appeal to our readers and trust that the younger readers will like our selection for them.

The following list of recent arrivals will be on our shelves by the end of the week:

For the adults, fiction: Trouble Triller, by Tuttle; Colorado, by Bromfield; Deep West, by Haycox; End of the Trail, Field; Vanishing American, Grey; Kingsbridge, by Colver; Semi-detached House, by Eden; This is Kate, Hard; I Hear Adventure Calling, Loring; Scudda Hoo! Scudda Hay! by Chamberlain; Jane Eyre, Modern Library edition, by Bronte; Archibald the Great, Kelland; Bargain Bride, by Lucas.

Non-fiction: Cheaper by the Dozen, by Gilbreth; It Gives me Great Pleasure, by Kimbrough; A Man Called White, by Walter White; Crusade in Europe, by Eisenhower; No Place to Hide, by Bradley; Legend of Henry Ford, Sward; First, First Ladies, by

Whitton; Northern Farm, Boston; Green Seas and White Ice, by Miriam MacMillan; Grave Livingston Hill, by Jean Kerr; Guide to Confident Living, Norman Peale.

In the Children's room we have: Muffin, Willis; Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs; Walt Disney's Peter and the Wolf; Wynken, Blynken and No!, Eugene Field; White Bunny and his Magic Nose, by Duplaix; Rumpelstiltskin, Tom Tit Tot; In the easy readers Little Friends, by Dopp; Dick and Jane, by Elson; Dickens' Christmas Carol; Peterkin Papers, by Lucia Hale; Gay, a Shetland Sheepdog, by Johnson; Ethan, the Shepherd Boy, by Cedar; Clue in the diary, Clue in the Crumbling Wall, Secret of Red Gate Farm, all by Carolyn Keene; Twenty-one Balloons, by DuBois; Heidi's Children by Spyri; Cherry Ames, nurse, nurse, Cherry Ames, chief nurse, Vicki Finds the Answer, all by Helen Wells; Polly Pepper's book and Five little Peppers at School, Margaret Sidney; Indians, picture story, by Bernadine Bailey; new ed. of Mark Twain's Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Adventures of Huckleberry Finn; Ben and Me, a biography of Benjamin Franklin by his good mouse, Amos, written by Robert Lawson; High on a Hill and Open the Door, by O'Donnell.

F. H. P.

VETERANS BULLETIN BOARD

Care For Disabled Veterans
A World War II veteran who in service lost, or lost the use of, one or both legs at or above the ankle may be entitled to receive an automobile or other conveyance at government expense.

Total purchase price of the vehicle may not exceed \$1,600, including such special equipment or appliances as may be necessary to enable the disabled veteran to operate it with safety.

Veterans have until June 30, 1949 to apply.

Special Homes for Paraplegics

A veteran of war or peacetime service with a permanent total, service-connected disability due to a spinal cord disease or injury, which results in paralysis of the legs and lower part of the body, may qualify for Federal aid to acquire a home specially designed for wheelchair living.

Eligible veterans will receive a Federal grant of not more than 50 per cent of the cost of the home or a maximum of \$10,000 with which

to buy or build a new home or to remodel an existing home for their requirements.

The grant may also be used to pay off the indebtedness on such a special home already acquired by an eligible veteran.

Guardianship Service
Incompetent World War II veterans, their minor dependents and incompetent beneficiaries are entitled to protection of their estates derived from benefits paid by the Veterans Administration under Acts of Congress.

Such protection is provided by the Chief Attorneys of VA Regional Offices - in accordance with state and federal laws and VA regulations - acting under the direction and supervision of the Guardianship Service of the VA Solicitor's Office.

The Chief Attorneys maintain supervision over guardians appointed by state (probate and county) courts, as well as legal custodians recognized by VA in their respective jurisdictions.

School Activities

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NOTES

Many pupils have returned to Grade 1 after having been absent several weeks due to the contagious diseases.

James Aubrey, a new pupil, entered grade one, in December 20.

All pupils in grade four have returned to school except Virginia Phelan who has the measles. Plans for the Variety Show, the last of this month are getting under way in all the grades.

The bulletin board for this week is in charge of Roger Holloway, Joyce Smith, and Russell Reed.

Irene Aubrey has entered grade four.

Edward Aubrey from Greenfield and Arline Provost from Germany have entered the sixth grade.

Minor Carpenter, after being absent from school because of an operation for appendicitis has returned.

Lawrence Angell and David Scott have the measles and Donald Williams has the chicken pox. Richard Williams has recovered from the chicken pox and Mary Ellen Barnes and Paul Jordan, Jr., from measles and have returned to school. Gene Berube has also returned.

The following pupils have been perfect in attendance from opening of school until the Christmas vacation:

Grade 6: Wallis Black, Shirley Clough, Irene Doolittle, Betty McIntire, Janice Randall, David Scott, William Stewart and Donald Williams.

Grade 4: Roger Holloway, Beatrice Bassett and Martha Parsons. The following pupils have had perfect attendance for November and December:

Grade 6: Delores Fisher, June Moore, Marvin Holloway, Charles James, and Ronald Zabko.

Grade 5: David Amnden, Joseph Fortier, George Mello, William Smith, Jean Fisher, Eleanor Moon and Dorothy Stacey.

Grade 4: Ronald Griswold, Roger Holloway, Beatrice Bassett and Martha Parsons.

The following pupils have had perfect attendance for December:

Grade 3: Gareth Casey, James Dresser, Nelson Moore, Robert Ware, Harry White, Marilyn Porter, Lois Sechrist and David Scoble.

Grade 2: Curtis Shine, Dorothy Given, Edward Doolittle and Peter Scanlon.

Grade 1: Shula Raymond, Edna Schryba, Vincent Mankowski, Richard Repeta and Danny Walker.

The following pupils were on the Honor Roll for the November and December marking period. High Honors, All A's. Honors, All A's and B's:

Grade 4, High Honors: Rita Gibson, Honors: Alan Bolton, Ruth Clough, Beverly Dumbreck, Rita Gibson, Frances Given, Robert Helbig, David Hiller, Seth Parker, Virginia Phelan, Judith Thompson.

Grade 5, Honors: David Amnden, May Cook, Nancy Mann, David Martin, Ann Parker, Robert Scott and Andrew Sheldon.

Grade 6, Honors: Mary Ellen Barnes, Gene Berube, Marie Clark, Geraldine Durant, David Scott, Arlen Sibley and Donald Williams.

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Grade 12
Honors: Vera Allen, Joseph Blum, Albert Clough, Mary Laplane, Rita Mello and Mary Ann Wozniak.

Grade 11
Honors: Chester Galda.

Grade 10
Honors: Christine Andrews, Marilyn Browning, Faith Fisher and Irl Whitney.

Grade 9
High Honors: Pearl Barber, Phyllis Hartford and Rath Sheldon. Honors: Annette Clark, Eleanor Fisher, Joan Fisher, Frances Laplane, Betty Sibley, and Richard Sechrist.

Grade 8
Honors: Marlon Berlin, Beverly Bokton, Janet Dean, Deane Lanphear, James Livingston, Joan Phelan and Shirley Sibley.

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Violets Blue, Roses Red, Tulips Bloom

In the merry, merry month of January, the pansies are blooming. The tulips are peeking up at the extraordinary weather. The weatherman has worn out the phrase "new record" as he pores over the yellowing pages of his files.

Fortnightly Hears Talk About England

Miss Winifred Curtis, of the Greenfield High School history department, gave an interesting and amusing talk to the Fortnightly last Friday afternoon. Her story about post-war England was preceded by a vivid description of her flights to Britain by plane during Christmas vacations in the years 1946, 1947 and 1948.

So. Vernon Church Left \$5000 Bequest

Ernest Dunklee has announced that his father, A. A. Dunklee, has left a bequest of \$5,000 for the South Vernon Advent Church to be invested and the income to be used for the church in memory of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunklee.

W. S. O. Meeting

A regular meeting of the W. S. O. was held Thursday, Jan. 6, at Alexander Hall. Reports were given and communications read. A letter from the VFW inviting the WSO to a joint meeting to be held Wed. Jan. 19, at the school house in West Northfield.

Air School Building Problem at Meeting

"Thipping Out Loud about our School Building Problem", a talk by Harold McLean, featured the monthly meeting of the P. T. A. on Monday, Jan. 10. A vigorous discussion followed on what could be done to solve the "problem".

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Olds of Winchester road are moving to Reading, where Mr. Olds has been appointed to serve as a representative for the placing of mortgages by a large insurance company.

The annual meeting and supper of the members of St. James Episcopal Church in Greenfield will be held on Wednesday evening, January 19th. Several members of the parish residing in Northfield are planning to attend this important function.

Members of the towns Registrars are making their annual canvass to list the inhabitants and recently the Assessors completed their canvass for listing poll tax payers.

Miss Elsie Watson has returned to her school in Detroit, Michigan, and Miss Dorothy Watson has returned to her school at Walnut Hill, Natick, after spending their vacations with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle.

Ross L. Spencer has been re-elected a director of the Winchester National Bank, Winchester, N. H. State Auditors are concluding their work at the town hall this week.

Mrs. Herbert Stevens and Mrs. E. E. Symonds, spending the winter in Worcester, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seaver of Chicopee Falls were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Charles Webster and L. P. Goodspeed.

Mrs. Seaver is the former Georgianna Ayers who taught a town kindergarten class here forty years ago. Miss Georgia Spencer flew to California to visit Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfred A. Young have announced the marriage of their daughter Maxine Susan to Leland R. Lawrence, son of I. J. Lawrence, on Saturday, Jan. 15, in Winchester, N. H.

Robin Stevenson, formerly of Northfield and a graduate of Mt. Hermon, reports in a recent letter that he is now at Wright Field in Ohio working on the development and production of the B-50 and B-54 aircraft.

The faculty and staff of the Northfield School for Girls raised a sum of \$102.25 for the County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Charles Scanlon is in Farren Hospital.

Miss Anne Walker has returned from Keene Hospital.

Two new names were added to the health council, Mrs. Mark Aldrich and Mrs. Joseph Morgan. Mrs. Joseph Reeves was re-elected chairman, with Mrs. Louis Van Phelan as vice-chairman, and Mrs. Roger Greenwood as secretary-treasurer.

Major William Marshall reports that he is enjoying his tour of duty in Japan; he is doing inspection work with the occupational forces.

About 30 applicants will take exams for postal clerk at the Center School this Saturday.

VFW Post Quarters Being Refitted

The Northfield Post 9874 of the VFW, in the process of occupying their new quarters in the old school house in West Northfield, will hold several more work parties to get the quarters in shape for the Jan. 19 joint meeting with the WSO.

The first work party last Sunday found 40 members present, and the end of the day found all the broken windows replaced in the downstairs room.

Work will be confined to the downstairs area until meetings can be conveniently held in that room.

Equipment acquired by the post during the summer has been moved to the new quarters.

Furnishings will be needed to fully refurbish the old building, and although no formal appeal has been made, it is hoped that if anyone has outdated furniture ready for discard that they would get in touch with any member of the Post.



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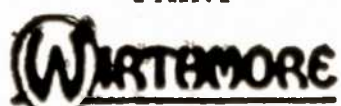
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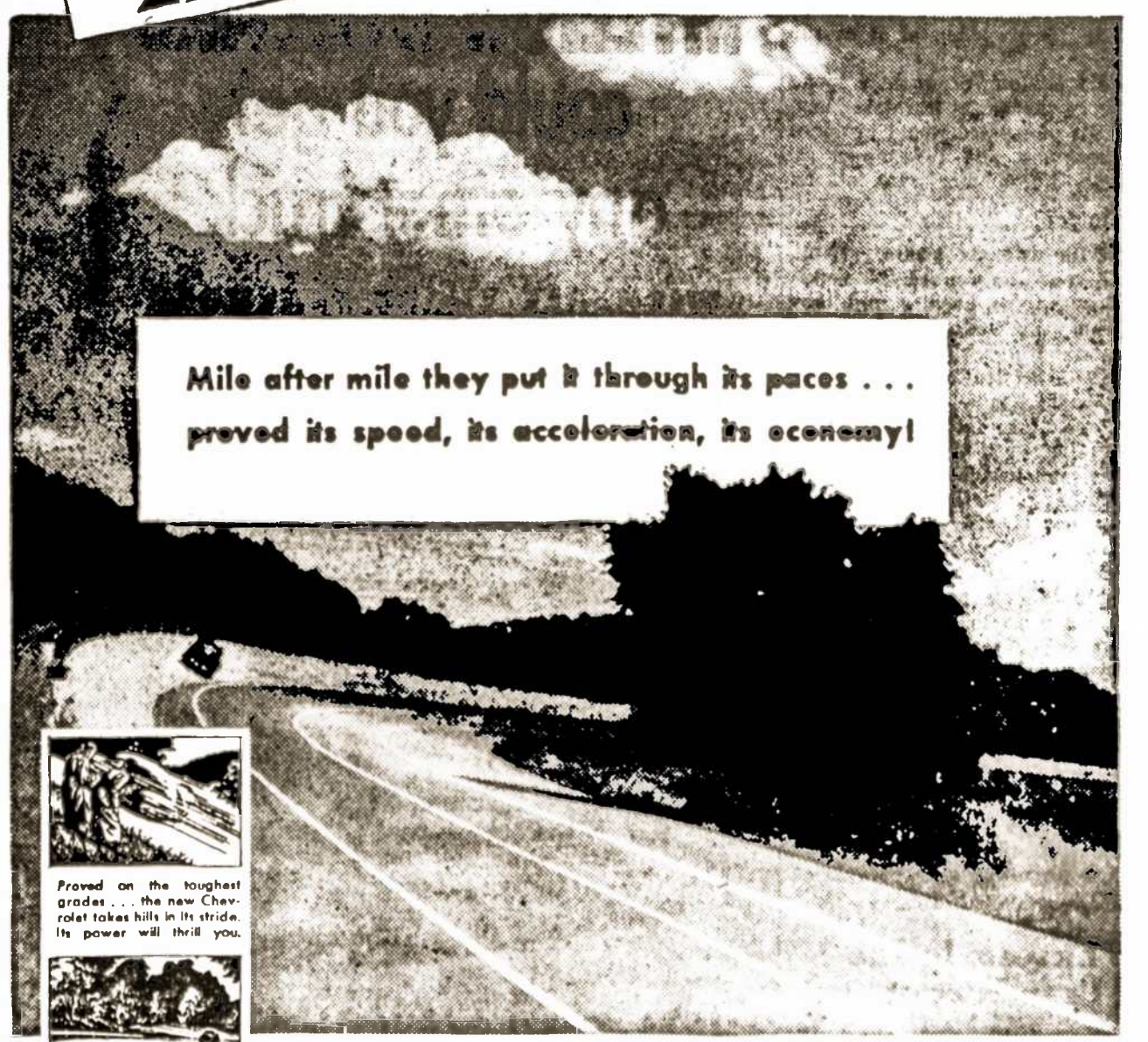
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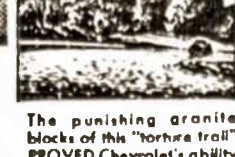
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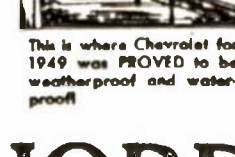
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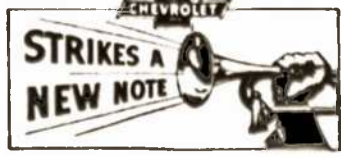
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by Gertrude C. Whitney

Considerable discussion as to the virtue and genuineness of the divining-rod has been occasioned by the appearance recently in the Northfield Press, of an article in which the divining-rod figured. I was especially interested since I myself have been able to locate water with a forked apple bough.

The late Charles W. Mann of Methuen was very successful with the divining-rod — was often called upon to locate a vein of water for a well. Some twenty years ago, Mr. Mann initiated me into the use of the divining-rod and it seemed to work as well for me as for him although I laid no claims for being a "locator".

Believe me, there is no magic about the use of this simple device. One just stands over a likely spot, holding this forked stick by the two handles straight in front of one. A person may even be talking to someone else, when suddenly one feels a downward pull in the end of the stick, the more water beneath the surface, the greater the pull, until it finally points straight downward.

Some people can use the divining-rod; others cannot. I believe it depends on the amount of electricity one has in one's body. Now all know that water is a conductor of electricity, so it would seem that in this manner a connection was made between the electricity in the ground and that stored up in one's body. For myself, I know that it has been possible on certain rare occasions in my life, to receive a slight current of electricity through just shaking hands with another magnetic person, although neither of us may have spoken of it at the time.

The Mr. Mann of whom I spoke was very successful in raising pansies. His pansy bed would preserve its freshness and full bloom all through the summer when others' pansy beds would be running out. I asked him the secret of his success with vigorous plants. "Well, I tell you," he replied, "I mulch them with pine needles and they never dry up." There's plenty of pine around here, so why not try it, Northfield horticulturists?

We had a dandelion in bloom on our front lawn late in December. Others have spoken of flowers coming out away ahead of time. May it not be possible that we are having our "January thaw" ahead of time and that we may expect an early spring? We shall see whether the old saw, "When the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen" comes true this year.

Two friends have already predicted a mild winter, from the fact that after each storm it has come off mild, apparently an old farmer's saying. So, we shall see. And watch out for the drain-hog who is sleeping in the drain-pipe under Moody lane.

No Increase In The GI Loan Interest

There will be no increase in the GI loan interest rate from 4 to 4½ per cent at this time, according to C. H. Nance, VA deputy administrator for New England.

Nance pointed out that the 80th Congress authorized Administrator of Veterans Affairs Carl A. Gray, Jr., with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury to set by regulation a maximum interest rate of 4½ per cent on loans guaranteed by the VA if it is determined that the loan market demands the increase.

Administrator Gray stated that he would review the situation at a later date should economic changes indicate the need for such a review.

Rev. Lester White Speaks to W. C. T. U.

The WCTU will meet with Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle, Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 3 p. m. The speaker will be Rev. Lester White, alumnae secretary at Mount Hermon School. His talk, "Liquor Problems in G. I. Camps," is based on his experiences as Chaplain in the U. S. Army.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Hunter Found Dead Killed by Own Rifle

Edward P. Breen, 53, Pine road, Minot, a section of Scituate was found dead on the Herman Fisher property on South Mountain road.

Russell Fisher, 17, son of the owner of the property, found the body near a stone wall, with his rifle at his side.

Medical examiner Dr. Henry Rys of Turners Falls, pronounced the death accidental. Dr. John W. Bennett had previously declared the man dead.

Investigation indicated that the rifle had accidentally discharged while the hunter was climbing a wooden rail fence, the bullet entering near the hip, passing through the heart.

The investigation was conducted by Dept. Inspector Timothy Murphy of the District Attorney's office, State Troopers Edward Carey and Alfred Tessier of the Shelburne Falls barracks, Sgt. Edward Sivik, Northampton barracks, and Constable Martin Vorca.

Selectmen Guests of Local Brotherhood

The Northfield Brotherhood will meet in the vestry of the Congregational Church for a supper, and "Civic forum," on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 6:30.

Following the supper the three selectmen of the town, Ernest A. Parker, George W. Carr, and George H. Sheldon will give brief explanations of their duties involved in the conduct of town affairs. As was the case last year, members of the audience may ask questions following the informal introductory remarks by the town officials.

Another guest for the evening will be the chairman of the Franklin County Commissioners, Samuel U. Streeter, who will speak on the subject of coordination between town and county officials.



BUTINSKY - PARENT

In Brattleboro, Vt., Jan. 8, Alice Mae Parent of Putney, Vt., to Paul F. Butinsky of South Vernon.

Basketball SCOREBOARD

Basketball will become an important part of the athletic program of Northfield High School on Friday night of this week when the boys' and girls' teams will entertain teams from Hinsdale High School at the Northfield Town Hall.

This also marks the opening game of the newly organized King Philip League which includes Northfield, Bernardston, Hinsdale, and New Salem. All games of this league will start promptly at 7:30 p. m., and the admission charge in all towns will be the same with a charge of 50c to adults and 25c to students. The girls' games will start at 7:30 and the boys' games at approximately 8:30. A social hour will follow each Friday game with refreshments on sale and dancing to the tune of the nation's best orchestra.

The boys' team is being coached by Harold McLean. Although the number of candidates has been limited, a good team is in prospect with plenty of tall boys on hand. Candidates for the team are: Joe Blimmon, Irwin Severance, Russell Hutchins, James Allen, Warren Whitney, Richard Whitney, Edward Parsons, Walter Kenney and Danny Morgan.

The girls' team is being coached by Principal George Leonard who is being assisted by Miss Evelyn Lawley. Much interest is being shown among the girls and the girls are promising to make a good record for themselves this first year. The candidates are: Janet Mankowsky, Iris Whitney, Vera Allen, Pearl Barber, Phyllis Hartford, Esther Carter, Rita Mello, Marilyn Browning, Vera Holton, Frances Lapiente and Naomi Chamberlin. Other girls are beginning to show added interest and promise to make a good showing in the near future.

Tryouts for cheer leaders were held before the student body on Monday, during the eighth period. Two groups of girls demonstrated their cheer leading ability and lead the student body in cheers. By a vote of the student body, the cheer leaders will be Jeanne Welch, Rita Mello, Janet Mankowsky, Vera Allen, Iris Whitney, and Esther Carter. Cheer leader outfits are being made under the direction of Miss Beryl Stinson, head of the home economics department.

New uniforms have been purchased for both boys and girls teams and it is hoped that they will arrive in time for use on Friday evening. Miss Evelyn Lawley recently attended a basketball clinic in Northampton where an interpretation of basketball rules and demonstration of basketball skills was presented.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Many Scholarships Open to 4-H'ers

Four-H Club members have something really worthwhile to work for. There are about a dozen scholarships open to 4-H clubmembers, most of them to the University of Massachusetts. The best ones are the Esso Scholarship for boys (\$100 per year for four years), the Coting Memorial Scholarship for home economics girls (all expenses for the freshman year), and the Wirthmore Scholarship for dairy members (\$100). This really makes the time spent on keeping your records pay off.

Northfield 4-H Club has finished painting their club room. Last week the 4-H'ers painted some pictures which they will use to make a scrap book to be given to the children's ward in the Franklin County hospital.

At the weekly meeting this Thursday the club members will make bird feeding stations.

Off to California

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton accompanied by her sister Mrs. H. W. Bonney left this week on an automobile journey which will carry them to California. Their first destination will be Florida for a stay of a few weeks visiting the many points of interest afterwards traveling along the southern shore route to New Orleans and attending the Mardi Gras celebration. From there they go to Albuquerque, New Mexico to visit their son, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bolton and family. After a trip to San Diego they expect to return home by way of the central southern route and will visit the Grand Canyon. They expect to arrive home about the first of April.

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Friday, Jan. 28, New Salem, here B. & G.
Friday, Feb. 4, at Hinsdale, B. & G.
Friday, Feb. 11, Powers, Here, B. & G.
Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Mt. Hermon, B. & G.
Friday, Feb. 18, at New Salem, B. & G.
Tuesday, March 1, at Winchester B. & G.
All above games to be played at 7:30 unless otherwise stated.

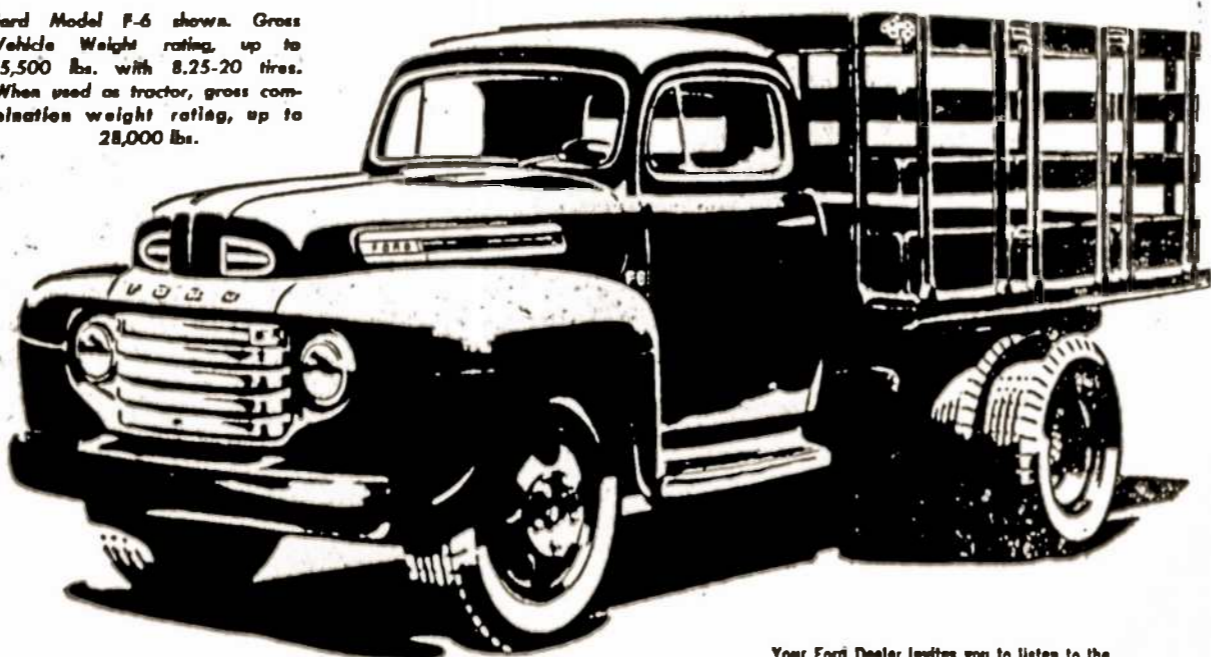
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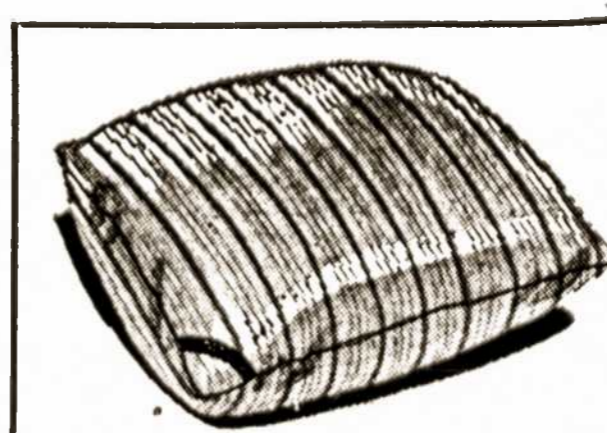
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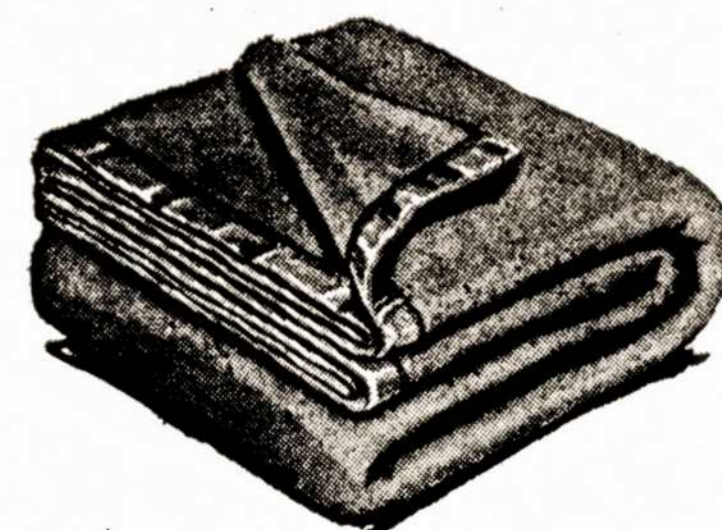
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Hand Woven THROWS

Regularly \$15.95

100% virgin wool, hand woven throw. Size 54 x 72.

\$10.88

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Group of BED SPREADS

Woven Jacquard Spread Regularly \$3.95 to \$10.95

1/3 off

Chenille Spreads Regularly \$5.95

\$4.88

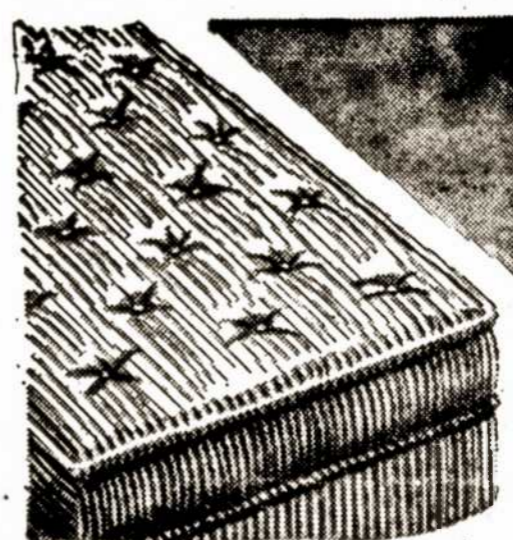
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Hotel Special INNERSPRING MATTRESSES

180 spring coil unit and oil tempered spring steel. O'Brien pads—sisal fibres reinforced with webbing. Clean white cotton felt upholstery. Blue and white stripe cover. Tape bound edges, strap handles.

\$28.50

(SECOND FLOOR)



Slightly Irregular Calloway Towels

	Were	Now
BATH TOWEL	\$2.25	\$1.52
HAND TOWEL	1.19	.76
WASH CLOTHS	.39	.24
BATH TOWEL	1.59	1.14
HAND TOWEL	.98	.62
WASH CLOTHS	.39	.24
BATH MAT	2.98	1.88

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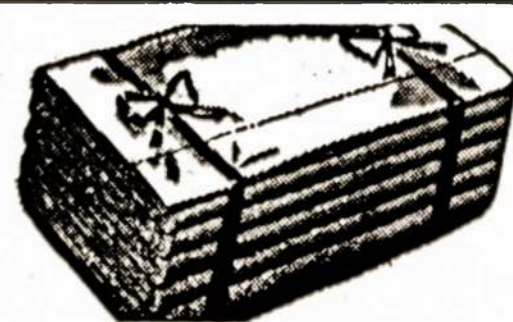
MATTRESS PADS and COVERS

Regularly \$3.95

White filled muslin covered 39 x 76 pad and fine quality mattress covers.

\$2.88 each

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LADY PEPPERELL MUSLIN SHEETS

81 x 108 Regularly \$3.25 \$2.98
72 x 108 Regularly \$2.98 \$2.79
63 x 108 Regularly \$2.69 \$2.55
42 x 38½ Regularly 69c 65¢
45 x 38½ Regularly 75c 68¢

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QUALITY SHEETS Auburn Percal SHEETS

72 x 108 \$2.98
Type 180
81 x 108 \$3.19
Type 180
Lady Pepperell PERCALE CASES

45 x 38½ 79¢
Type 180
Quality Muslin SHEETS

81 x 99 \$2.69
Type 128
42 x 36 47¢
Type 128
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WILSON'S